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A ROD FOR THE *REBELLIOUS*; AND A REWARD FOR THE OBEDIENT.

FOraſmuch as divers Perſons, who lately Acted as a Committee of Safety, and ſate at the Council of Officers held at *Whitehall*, *Wallingfordhouſe*, and elſewhere ſince their forcible Interruption of the Parliament, were ſo bold and hardy as to take upon Them the Power of Vacating and Diſſanulling Acts of Parliament; granting Commiſſions to raiſe Forces and Money, to Levy War againſt the Parliament, Impoſing Free-Quarter on the Free People of this Nation without Authority of Parliament, contrary to the known Laws of the Land; Have thereby, in ſtrictneſs of Law, Forfeited their Lives and Eſtates, as Rebels and Traytors, worthy to be confiſcated for pay of the miſled Souldiers, and other publique Debts, and In-

volved all others that *Acted* with, by, and under Them, and by pretended *Authority* derived from Them in the same Guilt, and Subject to the like Punishments. And for that it would prove an Incouragement to them and others of the like unstable Rebellious Principles and Spirits, destructive to all Government and Authorities, upon any occasion offered to them in time to come, to attempt the like evil practices, if they should not onely escape unpunished in their Persons and Estates, but be also permitted to enjoy the equal *Priviledges*, Liberties and Immunities; which others the true and faithfull Friends and Adherents to the *Parliament*, and the publique Cause and Interest of the Nation, and those Eminent Assertors of the undoubted Rights, Liberties, and *Priviledges* of the *People*, so long contended for, which the aforesaid Apostates and Changlings, to accomplish their own Ambition *Pride*, Malice, and Sinister Designes, by private and open Deeds, Councels, and Machinations, endeavoured to destroy and Subvert, and to introduce an *Arbitrary*, Tyranical, Military Government, Laws and Constitutions of their own contrivance, without any colour of Law or *Authority* for their so doing. We do humbly conceive it necessary, and a duty incombent on the *Parliament*, to Impose upon them their marks of Displeasure for, and detestation of, their evil *Actions*, thereby to prevent them from all Opportunities to get into *Power* and *Authority*, to disturbe and obstruct our future Peace, Settlement, and Wellfare; really intended to be wrought by this Parliament for this divided, distructed, oppressed, Nation: which is endeavoured by Jesuits, Papists, and other Seminaries of sedition and division, to be made a prey to Forraign *Powers*, and other Intestine Enemies, to our *Peace*, Traffique and Tranquillity.

It is humbly proposed,

1. THat the *Persons* aforesaid be Voted uncapable, for 7 years or some other certain time, to bear any Offices of *Power* or Trust, Military or Civil, within this Commonwealth; they having secluded all our Legislators, except a few Changlings and Wordlings of their own *Party*, from all publick Employments during the six years Reigne of *Oliver* and *Richard*. And that honest, faithful, and obedient *Persons*, constant to their Resolution and Ingagements, be entrusted in publique places.

2. That the Persons aforesaid be disabled to be elected Representatives in this or the next succeeding *Parliament* and Council, whereby they may taste of Subjection as well as *Power*, and a triall made of their future Obedience and Conformity to the supream Authority and Lawes of the Nation, which they have divers times highly violated, and laboured to subvert, during those many years they have arbitrarily reigned over us.

Otherwise the said Capital Offenders, and their *Partyes*, by their Interest, Friends, Confederates, and Adherents, will be labouring to procure themselves to be elected to sit in the supream Authority and Councils of the Nation, to frame and execute new Designs, and *VANE* Imaginations, tending to the imbroyling again of the Nation in Bloud and Confusion, which our wise *Senators* ought, by all lawful and prudent meanes, seasonably to prevent, according to the wholesome Rules and Maximes of a well-governed Common-wealth.

For by the same Reason and *Policy* of State, the *Cavaliers* are secluded from bearing Offices and places of Trust, ought the *Persons* aforesaid be debarred for some time from a Capacity of being entrusted, having so often violated their *Promises* and Oaths, made in the face of the Nation, notwithstanding their seeming Repentance and publick Avowing thereafter to continue

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their Obedience and Fidelity to their Masters the *Parliament*, from whom they received their Commissions, and acknowledged Them the Supream Authority of the Nation, yet, immediately forgetting their Faith, Duty, and great Obligations, have (without the fear of God or Man, or any respect had to Religion, Laws, or any thing that is called sacred) in so transcendent a manner renued their former Disobedience and Defection, and perpetrated more heinous Crimes than those they formerly professed to repent and be ashamed of, and have debauched and drawn in to their Party and Confederacy divers other Faith-breakers, in hopes of Gain and worldly Preferments; who, as they did partake in their Actions, ought to bear an equal share in their Punishments.

POST-SCRIPT.

WHether the Disfranchising of *Alderman Titchborn* and *Alderman Ireton*, and the making of them uncapable of Sitting in the Councils of the City of *London*, would not be a just Reward for their Perfidiousness and Rebellion, and give Satisfaction and Content to the Citizens.

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